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(1) The big picture



“The fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism” remains high on the CoE Agenda according to the Secretary General’s [Action Plan](#) adopted at the 125th Ministerial Session in Brussels on 19 May which foresees the extension of the “[No Hate Speech Campaign](#)” until 2017.

A final meeting of the [Follow-up Group](#) on the NHSM was held in Strasbourg on 21-22 September. The on-line survey which had been presented in May during an [Evaluation Conference](#) on the NHSC is now available on the [platform](#). [[video](#)]

The 5th Euro-Arab Youth Forum was the occasion for talks with the Anna Lindh Foundation and the League of Arab States, regarding extending the campaign to the networks of these two partner organisations. In their [Strasbourg message](#), participants recommended the extension of the campaign and encouraged the involvement of “young people, youth organisations and public institutions in awareness-raising and educational campaigns against hatred, hate speech and terrorism.” Meanwhile, partners from Jordan and Tunisia have also expressed interest in establishing the campaign in their countries. [[DSG opening speech](#)].

The PACE [No Hate Parliamentary Alliance](#), set up following Assembly [Resolution 1967 \(2014\)](#), met on 29 September during the Autumn PACE Session in Strasbourg and organised a Hearing –“ [Refugees not welcome](#) – political and media approaches to the current refugee and migrant crisis” with the participation of Tim Finch, consultant and writer, former Director of Communications, Refugee Council (United Kingdom). [President Brasseur and other leading personalities support the No Hate Alliance](#).

The NHSM was represented by six activists at the conference “Human Rights and Democracy in Action: Addressing Radicalisation and Extremism through Education”, organised by the Education Department in Strasbourg on 24-25 September. The conference aimed to facilitate a debate on the role of education in preventing radicalisation and extremism, to explore the experience of recent initiatives in this area and to discuss priorities for future action. [cf. the [EDC/HRE site](#)]

NHSM in Northern Ireland

A Campaign Support Group of organisations interested in implementing the campaign in Northern Ireland was established at an awareness-raising event in Belfast on 19 September. The group was led by [Youthnet](#) and includes the Northern Ireland Youth Forum, Public Achievement, Bytes Project, the Northern Ireland Children’s Enterprise, YouthAction NI, Cara Friend, Mencap Northern Ireland and GenderJamNI. It is hoped that the group will contribute to strengthen the campaign’s presence in the United Kingdom.

Campaign Secretariat

Estelle Glessinger will continue to provide administrative assistance to the campaign. Rui Gomes, Head of the Education and Training Division of the Youth Department, will secure coordination until a new Campaign Coordinator is appointed. [youth.nohatespeech@coe.int]

Hate speech, as defined by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, covers all forms of expression which spread, incite, promote or justify racial hatred, xenophobia, antisemitism or other forms of hatred based on intolerance, including: intolerance expressed by aggressive nationalism and ethnocentrism, discrimination and hostility against minorities, migrants and people of immigrant origin. For the purpose of the campaign, other forms of discrimination and prejudice, such as anti-gypsyism, christianophobia, islamophobia, misogyny, sexism and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity

fall clearly within the scope of hate speech.

For up-to-date CoE action please check the [CoE website](#) and the [CoE Journal](#).

Following the approval by member states to create a [European Roma Institute](#) for Arts and Culture, on 15 September Secretary General [Thorbjørn Jagland](#) stated: “the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture will spread greater understanding of Roma culture and challenge unhelpful stereotypes. I hope that over time it will become a source of pride and self-esteem for our European Roma citizens”. “The project will be Roma-led, with the Council of Europe and the Open Society Foundations providing funding, resources and political support.

On 21 September, the [Bosnia and Herzegovina Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers](#) welcomed the first meeting of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ([GREVIO](#)).

A Seminar on “Youth Policy in South-East Europe – Social Inclusion of Young People in Vulnerable Situations” will be held within the CM Chairmanship of Bosnia-and-Herzegovina on 27-29 October in Mostar. The Seminar is organised by the [EU-CoE youth partnership](#) and will draw on the results of the [Mapping of Barriers study](#) and focus on the potential and role of youth policy to support youth in overcoming the obstacles to inclusion in society. The seminar will bring together a variety of actors relating to policy, research and practice to exchange how an effective and sustainable implementation of youth policy can contribute to the social inclusion of young people in vulnerable situations. Successful policy examples from different geographical areas relating to social inclusion of young people in vulnerable situations will be analysed and their transferability to other geographical/national/political settings discussed.

Bulgaria will take over the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in November and will host the 11th [CAHROM](#) plenary meeting on 26-29 April 2016, pending approval by the CM of CAHROM’s terms of reference for the years 2016-2017.

[PACE](#)

The [autumn PACE part-session](#) was held from 28 September to 2 October 2015. The Assembly will elect its new Secretary General for the next five years.

On 29 September a [joint debate](#) was held on the humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe, on the challenges for countries of transit, and on the urgent need for a real European asylum system - with the intervention of the President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies Laura Boldrini. The Grand Duke of Luxembourg, as well as the Prime Minister of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, and the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denis Zvizdić, were among those addressing the parliamentarians.

On 30 September the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence welcomed Ambassador Erdoğan Şerif Işcan, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the Council of Europe and Chairperson of the Committee of the parties to the Istanbul Convention, and Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe to discuss the role of national parliaments and of the Parliamentary Assembly in monitoring the implementation of the [Istanbul Convention](#). It also held an exchange of views with Ms Samira Meraïi Friâa, Minister of Women, Family and Children of Tunisia.

On 2 October the Parliamentary Assembly adopted [Resolution 2080 \(2015\) “Rethinking the anti-doping strategy”](#) based on a [report](#) prepared by André Schneider (France, EPP/CD) which addresses threats that doping poses to sports ethics. The parliamentarians said that preventive work with young amateur and semi-professional athletes and the fight against trafficking “should be among the priorities of the anti-doping strategy”.

The CoE [INGO Conference](#), through its two thematic Committees ([Education and Culture and Human Rights](#)) and partner NGOs, is organising a training session on 8-11 October in Strasbourg. The session is open to heads of NGOs, public organisations and those involved in education (parents, teachers, heads of organisations for the education and guidance of youth) as well as to local authorities.

(2) Youth Department update

The European Youth Centre in Budapest celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Monday 14 September in the presence of Mr. Levente Benkő, Undersecretary of State for Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary and CoE Director General of Democracy Snežana Samardžić-Marković. A [short film](#) about the Centre was screened during the celebrations.

The Bureaus of the CDEJ and CCJ met in Budapest on 14-15 September and prepared for the statutory meetings (CDEJ, CMK and CCJ) to be held in Strasbourg on 12-14 October. The Board of Co-ordination of the [Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card](#) will take place on 15 October in the framework of the statutory meetings of the youth sector.

The European Youth Foundation ([EYF](#)) organised an information session on the 2016 work plan and structural grant applications in Brussels on 7-8 September. 40 representatives of 32 organisations attended. With the help of various youth workers, government representatives and NGOs, the [EYF leaflet](#) is now available in 19 languages: Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Estonian, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

A delegation made up of six CMJ members (3 CDEJ and 3 CCJ), a representative of the European Youth Forum and two members of the CoE Secretariat undertook a study visit to Ukraine on 21-23 September. The aims were for the CoE delegation to be informed of the situation of young people and youth NGOs in Ukraine and in turn to inform Ukrainian youth NGOs/networks and relevant public authorities of the possibilities offered by the CoE (programmes and financial support from the EYF, and advice on youth policy). The delegation examined how the CoE Youth Department can better support Ukrainian youth projects and associate Ukrainian youth NGOs/networks and authorities with the future co-operation programme between the CoE and the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine. The study visit included two information/training sessions: one in Lviv with youth NGOs from Lviv and other regions, and one session in Kyiv with youth NGOs from Kyiv and other regions.

The first Training Course for educational staff of youth centres that have been awarded the [CoE's Quality Label for youth centres](#) was held at the

EYC in Budapest from 29 September to 2 October. The course concentrated on improving the integration of Human Rights Education into the programmes of participating youth centres. Two exploratory visits to youth centres will be carried out before the end of the year: (1) FITT- Timisoara, Romania on 11-12 November and (2) CEULAJ – Mollina, Spain on 9-10 December.

Activities held in September included:

- [5th Euro-Arab Youth Forum](#), (EYCS, 2 - 5 September)
- *Promote and protect human rights in your environment* - National training course on Human rights education using Compass (Stasiūnai village, Lithuania, 8-11 September)
- [Youth Peace Camp](#) (EYCB, 17-24 September)
- Study session “Right to exist?” in cooperation with Association of Service Civil International ivzw ([SCI](#)) (EYCB, 28 September to 2 October)

Forthcoming activities:

- Seminar with UNHCR and PACE on the ‘[Eradication of Statelessness of children](#)’ (EYCB, 12-13 October)
- Study Session on Youth Transition through Voluntary Service - in cooperation with [Phiren Amenca International Network](#) (EYCB, 5-9 October)
- Study Session - Unveiling Rural Realities, Unlocking Youth Potential - in cooperation with Rural Youth Europe ([RYEurope](#)) (EYCS, 5-10 October)
- Training course on non-formal education and youth work for intercultural dialogue in the Russian Federation (EYCB, 5-11 October)
- 50-50 Training course on Democratic Citizenship through Youth Policy in the Russian Federation (St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 18-25 October)
- Roma Youth Conference: bringing together young Roma, Roma youth organisations and policy-makers for taking stock of the Roma youth action plan and making proposals for future actions (EYCB, 19-22 October)
- Study session Being unemployed in Europe: Battling discrimination and under-education in deaf youth unemployment- in cooperation with the European Union of the Deaf Youth ([EUDY](#)) (EYCB, 26-31 October)
- Study Session Down & Out: Social exclusion of LGBTQ young people and homelessness - in cooperation with The International Lesbian, Gay,

Bisexual, Trans, & Queer Youth & Student Organisation ([IGLYO](#)) (EYCB, 26-30 October)

- Study visit of youth experts from the Republic of Belarus to the Council of Europe (Belarus, 26-29 October)

- Regional seminar with state agencies, Young refugees and Asylum-seekers and Refugees NGOs to develop inter-sectorial cooperation in assisting Young refugees in transition to Adulthood. (EYCB, 2-3 November)

- Study session - The challenge of representing young workers of the XXI century - in cooperation with European Trade Union Confederation Youth (ETUC) (EYCS, 2-6 November)

- Study session Young media makers for human rights! -in cooperation with European Youth Press (EYP) (EYCS, 2-6 November)

Staff:

A warm welcome to trainees Alessandra Coppola (Italy) and Ciara Spencer (UK) who have joined the Youth Department and will contribute to the work on the No Hate Speech Movement, the Enter! Project and the study sessions.

EU-CoE youth partnership: In the absence of Marta Medlinska on maternity leave (welcome to Ida Medlinska, born on 28th September!) and in view of the upcoming departure of Philipp Boetzelen, the EU-CoE youth partnership has been reinforced by Tanya Basarab who will be working in the CoE Brussels office. The contract of Lali Bouché who took care of communication and visibility in the EU-CoE youth partnership team has come to an end on 30th October.

Michael Nguyen will reinforce the organising team for the Youth participation at this year's World Forum for Democracy.

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

- A [Symposium on Youth Participation in a Digitalised World](#) was held at the European Youth Centre in Budapest on 14-16 September. Around 120 participants plus an unknown number of online participants worked on risks and opportunities for youth participation in the areas of education, employment, democracy and communication and came up with key messages for policy and practice.

- The [Youthpass](#) Advisory Group of Erasmus+/Youth of the European Commission was reinstated on 24-25 September where among other things the Youthpass [Impact Study](#) on “young people's personal development and employability and the recognition of youth work” was

presented. The EU/CoE Youth Partnership is a full member of the Advisory Group. Presentation from the meeting are available [here](#).

- The [seminar “From Clicktivism to Activism”](#) took place on 28 September to 4 October in Cyprus and was organised by the SALTO Resource Centre Participation and some National Agencies of Erasmus+. The seminar was supported by the EU-CoE youth partnership in terms of concept development and inputs.
- The [bi-annual Conference](#) of the [European Platform on Learning Mobility](#) “Learning mobility in the youth field: towards opportunities for all. Evidence, experience, discourse” will take place in Istanbul on 7-9 October. The conference will focus on inclusion and aim at exploring not only what hinders learning mobility or what influences its schemes and structures, but will also look at supporting opportunities that exist and that have proven to contribute to ‘inclusive learning mobility schemes’. The event will gather 100 practitioners, policy makers and researchers from 25 countries, and will be preceded by a meeting of researchers particularly interested in the topic. The event is organised in cooperation with the Turkish, German and French National Agencies for the “Erasmus+” programme of the European Union.

(3) DG II - Education Department

This section is dedicated to the latest news from the [Education Department](#).

A [Conference](#) “Human Rights and Democracy in Action: Addressing Radicalisation and Extremism through Education”, was held in Strasbourg on 24-25 September. The conference aimed to facilitate a debate on the role of education in preventing radicalisation and extremism, to explore the experience of recent initiatives in this area and to discuss priorities for future action.

[DG II “Open Doors Day”](#) took place on 25 September in Strasbourg with the participation of Director General of Democracy Snežana Samardžić-Marković. The event was well visited by Ambassadors and Representatives of the Council of Europe’s member states who had the opportunity to learn more about the Directorate’s key areas of work and plans for the future.

A Platform on Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education was launched at the [7th Prague Forum](#) on 1-2 October with the participation of the Czech Minister of Education, Youth and Sports Kateřina

Valachová and the Council's Director General of Democracy Snežana Samardžić-Marković.

(4) Council of Europe

The President of the [Congress](#), addressed the PACE Autumn part-session in the autumn. The Independent Group of Experts met in Strasbourg on 24-25 of September. A number of young people were invited to take an active part in the 29th Session of the Congress (Strasbourg, 19-22 October).

CoE [Commissioner for Human Rights](#) Nils Muižnieks issued an [update](#) on his Opinion on the legislation and practice in the Russian Federation on non-commercial organisations in light of CoE Standards.

The [Pompidou Group](#) will organise a seminar on “Women, drugs, and violence” in Rome on 10-11 December in cooperation with the Department for Anti-drug Policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy which will bring together professionals working on the treatment of addiction treatment, harm and risk reduction. The Pompidou Group also conducted a [review of literature on violence](#) (experienced or perpetrated) and psychoactive substance use among women in Europe and in the Mediterranean region.

[The North South Centre](#) Executive Committee met on 2 October in Strasbourg. CMJ representative Eliza Popper participated.

The [World Forum for Democracy](#) (WFD) to be held in Strasbourg on 18-20 November 2015 will focus on “Freedom versus control: For a democratic response”. Following a call for applications, 75 young participants were selected in order to ensure a strong youth participation during the Forum.

(5) Other news

On 24 September 2015 the [National Youth Council of Hungary](#) was legally registered by the Court of Szeged.

[Luxembourg took over the presidency](#) of the Council of the EU in July and announced its [priorities](#) which address youth unemployment, the Youth Guarantee and youth participation. On 14 September a special meeting of the "[Justice and Home Affairs Council](#)" (JHA) was held to discuss strengthening the European response to migratory pressures.

The [Global Trends for Youth](#) will be published on 12 October by the [ILO](#) providing an update on key youth labour market indicators and trends. The report offers valuable lessons learned on “what works” for youth employment and on emerging practices in policy responses. Ideally, these will shape future investments in youth employment, as countries continue to prioritize youth in their national policy agendas. The ILO's [programme on youth employment](#) operates through a global network of technical teams at its headquarters in Geneva and in more than 60 offices around the world, providing assistance to countries in developing coherent and coordinated interventions on youth employment.

The [OECD Employment Outlook 2015](#) is now available in English, French and German.

The [Anna Lindh Foundation](#) has issued [a call for projects](#) in the field of Education for Intercultural Citizenship and Intercultural Artistic Co-Productions. The call is open to members of the Anna Lindh Foundation National Network. Deadline is 1 November 2015.

(6) Publications

The Council of Europe Youth Department [publications](#) may be consulted online.

NEW!

The youth policy review on Greece is now available from the [CoE online bookshop](#). [[pdf version](#)]

The youth policy review on Serbia should be available in October.

[Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#) -

A survey carried out by ERYICA which suggests that the vast majority of the many young people who use Youth Information and Counselling (YIC) services in Europe are grateful for their existence. This unique compendium – prepared by ERYICA and the CoE – traces the history of YIC services across the continent, describes in detail the vital role YIC services play and offers guidance and advice for those countries wishing to expand, improve or establish their own structures. In an age when mass online communication can often be overwhelming and confusing, the compendium provides a valuable single reference for those

interested in and working hard for a bright future for Europe's younger citizens.

- New film:

- [“100%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)

- New [Leaflet](#) on the EU-CoE youth partnership 2014-2016

Reminder:

[List of Youth Department publications](#)

- The “Youth Information Starter Kit” is now available in [Italian](#). Other linguistic versions: [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Turkish](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Macedonian](#). *Polish version (planned in 2015)*

- [Young people's access to rights through youth information and counselling](#) was produced in partnership with ERYICA. Also available in [Russian](#). *French version available in October.*

- [Mirrors](#) – A Manual on combating anti-Gypsyism through human rights education. French version in preparation

- [Islamophobia and its consequences on young people / L'islamophobie et ses conséquences pour les jeunes](#)

- The [Advisory Council leaflet](#) has been updated in English. The French, German and Russian editions will be available soon.

- The French version of the Manual for facilitators in non-formal education “[Manuel de l'animateur en éducation non-formelle](#)” is now also available in [Russian](#) and in [Turkish](#).

- [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line. The youth policy review on [Greece](#) is now available.

- The revised European Youth Foundation leaflet is available in 5 languages: [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#). Online versions now offer the following [languages versions](#): Slovenian, Romanian, Finnish, Spanish and Serbian (NB. more to come!)

- [“Have your say”](#) – A manual on the Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life.

- T-Kit No.10 Educational Evaluation in Youth Work - [now available in Czech](#)

- T-Kit No.11 – [Mosaic: Training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work](#) - available in French: “Mosaïques – kit de formation pour le travail euro-méditerranéen de jeunesse”.

- T-Kit No. 12 – [Youth transforming conflicts](#)

- The leaflet on the Youth Department is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#).

- The former version of the Advisory Council on Youth leaflet is still available in [French](#) and [Russian](#).
- The Right to be Young – report of the [Roma Youth Conference](#) is available from the Youth Department: youth@coe.int
- A [Survey on young people’s awareness of their access to rights](#) - by trainee Chaim Waibel. It complements the publication inspired by the Advisory Council on Youth: “[Young Persons and the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter](#)”. [Former AC member, Thomas Leys (IFLRY) has published an article “[Where is our European Bill of Rights](#)” in a new publication “[Redrafting Europe - The Young Liberals' White Paper on the Reform of the European Union](#)”].
- [Compendium](#) of Council of Europe approaches to key youth policy and youth work issues (French).
- The [European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers](#) is available in [Turkish](#).
<https://book.coe.int/eur/en/>
- [Youth knowledge book 17](#): “Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts”, published by the EU-CoE youth partnership.
- “[Visegrad Youth – Comparative review of the situation of young people in the V4 countries](#)”, a contribution to knowledge based youth policy development
- [Young people’s access to rights through youth information and counselling](#). This publication is the result of the [partnership between the Council of Europe and ERYICA](#).

[Recent and upcoming EU-CoE youth partnership publications:](#)

- Perspectives on youth, volume 1 – “[2020 - What do you see?](#)”. The [French](#) and [German](#) versions are also available.
- Perspectives on youth, volume 2 – “[Connections and disconnections](#)” available in English. German and French versions will be available very soon.
- Youth knowledge book 18 – “[History of youth work](#)” volume 4.
- [Getting there...](#) – a publication on the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning.
- [Coyote #20](#) – “What’s Xtreme about youth?!” – electronic and printed versions available.
- [Coyote # 21](#) – “Know What?” – electronic version available.
- [Coyote #22](#) – “Discriminating(,)me?!” – electronic pdf version and [epub version for tablets](#).
- [Leaflet](#) on the EU-CoE youth partnership 2014-2016

- Films:
- [“What is youth work today”](#)
- [“100%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)

Past issues of *Think Youth!* are available on the [website of the Youth Department](#).

Facebook pages:

[Advisory Council on Youth](#)
[Council of Europe - Youth](#)
[European Youth Centre, Budapest](#)
[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)
[European Youth Foundation](#)
[No Hate Speech Movement](#)

Abbreviations:

CCJ: Advisory Council on Youth
CDDH: Steering Committee for Human Rights
CDEJ: European Steering Committee on Youth
CDMSI: Steering Committee on Media and Information Society
CDPPE: Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice
CM: Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
CMJ: Joint Council on Youth
CoE: Council of Europe
Congress: The Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
CPJ: Programming Committee on Youth
DG: Directorate General
ECHR: European Court of Human Rights
ECRI: European Commission against racism and intolerance
EDC: Education for Democratic Citizenship
EURODIG: European Dialogue on Internet Governance
EYCB: European Youth Centre Budapest
EYCS: European Youth Centre Strasbourg
EYF: European Youth Foundation
ncc: National campaign coordinator

NSC: North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

NHSM: No Hate Speech Movement

ODIHR: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

OSCE: Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe

PACE: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

YFJ: European Youth Forum

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